

REMARKS

The abstract of the disclosure was objected to because it includes language that may be implied. Applicants submit herewith an amendment that removes the offending language and puts the abstract into compliance with MPEP §608.01(b). Applicants respectfully submit the objection has been overcome.

Claims 2-33 have been rejected on the ground of non-statutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-5, 7 , 13-14, 18-19, 21-42 of U.S. Patent No. 6,629,082. Applicants' submit a terminal disclaimer to overcome this double-patenting rejection.

For all the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance and early notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

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